

CECAP Energy Subgroup Meeting | March 24, 2021

WebEx Chat Transcript

March 24, 2021 5:48 PM from Thomas Calhoun to everyone:
Tom Calhoun Braddock District

March 24, 2021 5:49 PM from bill to all panelists:
Bill Hafker Sully District from home

March 24, 2021 5:49 PM from Paul Duncan to everyone:
Paul Duncan Braddock District from home

March 24, 2021 5:49 PM from Alexis Johnston to everyone:
Alexis Sloan Johnston - Dranesville District (from home)

March 24, 2021 5:50 PM from bill to everyone:
Bill Hafker Sully District from home

March 24, 2021 5:50 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
Chip Goyette, Inova, calling from home/Arlington VA

March 24, 2021 5:56 PM from Flint Webb to host (privately):
I gather I am muted?

March 24, 2021 5:58 PM from Flint Webb (privately):
Maya, did you see my inquiree about setting up an A&WMA chapter meeting about the process of setting up community emissions plans in the DC metro area?

March 24, 2021 6:00 PM from Whitney Redding to everyone:
Whitney REdding - Mason District

March 24, 2021 6:00 PM from Samuel Raasch to everyone:
Sam Raasch - Providence District

March 24, 2021 6:00 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
Renee Grebe - Lee District

March 24, 2021 6:00 PM from JOHN LORD to everyone:
John Lord - Fairfax County Public Schools

March 24, 2021 6:00 PM from Mike Zatz to everyone:
Mike Zatz - Representing EQAC

March 24, 2021 6:01 PM from Flint Webb to all panelists:
Flint Webb, Providence District.

March 24, 2021 6:01 PM from Brian Castelli to everyone:
Brian Castelli, Dranesville District and Sierra Club rep

March 24, 2021 6:01 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
Kathryn Alsegaf , vienna, va

March 24, 2021 6:02 PM from John Gustavo Blair to everyone:
John Gustavo Blair, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA)

March 24, 2021 6:06 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
Are we still looking at June/July timeframe for possible board of supervisor approval

March 24, 2021 6:08 PM from Kelly Naylor to everyone:
Yes, that is correct.

March 24, 2021 6:08 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
We are looking at giving the Board an update at the BOS Environmental Committee meeting in July

March 24, 2021 6:08 PM from Maya Dhavale to everyone:
And most likely a September approval

March 24, 2021 6:08 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
Great! Thank you!

March 24, 2021 6:22 PM from Flint Webb to all panelists:
How did you come up with the schedule for adoption of the strategies?

March 24, 2021 6:23 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
What is on-site solar based on? Roof space, open space, etc.

March 24, 2021 6:24 PM from Brian Castelli to everyone:
how deeply did you model efficiency, etc.?

March 24, 2021 6:25 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
To meet the challenging goals, I'd imagine we need all six. Am I off-base?

March 24, 2021 6:25 PM from JOHN LORD to everyone:
SPEAK

March 24, 2021 6:26 PM from Cara Blumenthal to all panelists:
<https://app.mural.co/t/icfpublicsector5487/m/icfpublicsector5487/1616517358457/b3f043235b4df7fe87afb2cbae21b804bda5277d>

March 24, 2021 6:26 PM from Bob Brown to everyone:
Bob Brown, Dranesville district

March 24, 2021 6:30 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
If you click on your own animal or name icon on the bottom, you can also turn off all the cursors - I find them very distracting when everyone is moving

March 24, 2021 6:32 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
In Priority #4, where it states "current policies", do you mean the latest goals set by the Governor in the 2020 Clean Energy legislation?

March 24, 2021 6:35 PM from Maya Dhavale to Flint Webb (privately):
Flint, can you tell me more what you mean about adopting strategies?

March 24, 2021 6:37 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
Mine is not working.

March 24, 2021 6:37 PM from Brian Castelli to everyone:
mine is not working yet

March 24, 2021 6:38 PM from Samuel Raasch to everyone:
I was able to vote 2x but not more

March 24, 2021 6:38 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
ok

March 24, 2021 6:38 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
hopefully for broccoli

March 24, 2021 6:39 PM from Samuel Raasch to everyone:
That's not showing on my board but it's okay

March 24, 2021 6:39 PM from Thomas Calhoun to everyone:
I am only able to vote 4 times.

March 24, 2021 6:39 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
Mine says I voted only 3 times.

March 24, 2021 6:40 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
I noticed that clicking anywhere on the "map" will place a vote; that might be the trouble some people are encountering

March 24, 2021 6:40 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
2 carrots; 1 broccoli

March 24, 2021 6:41 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
I had to remove my votes first and then vote again

March 24, 2021 6:41 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
working now

March 24, 2021 6:41 PM from Samuel Raasch to everyone:
I resolved my issues, thanks

March 24, 2021 6:41 PM from Thomas Calhoun to everyone:
Seahorse - same for me. I could only vote 4 times

March 24, 2021 6:43 PM from George Lamb (privately):
hi, I joined late, is there a link for the mural?

March 24, 2021 6:45 PM from Maya Dhavale to George Lamb (privately):
<https://app.mural.co/t/icfpublicsector5487/m/icfpublicsector5487/1616517358457/b3f043235b4df7fe87afb2cbae21b804bda5277d>

March 24, 2021 6:46 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Thank you

March 24, 2021 6:47 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
And the pie chart shows the relative "power" of each priority to reduce GHG emissions, correct?

March 24, 2021 6:48 PM from Adam Agalloco (ICF) to everyone:
@Erin yes, that's a good way to consider it

March 24, 2021 6:48 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
@Adam - thank you!

March 24, 2021 6:49 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
not recording mine either

March 24, 2021 6:49 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
got it

March 24, 2021 6:50 PM from George Lamb (privately):
thx, got my votes in!

March 24, 2021 6:50 PM from Logan Pfeiffer to everyone:
<https://app.mural.co/t/icfpublicsector5487/m/icfpublicsector5487/1616517358457/b3f043235b4df7fe87afb2cbae21b804bda5277d>

March 24, 2021 6:55 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
S4 is priority 4

March 24, 2021 6:55 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
The details behind each of these appear to be on tab one of the cecap prioritization matrix march 2021.xlsx file available online <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environment-energy-coordination/cecap-energy-subgroup-march-24-2021>

March 24, 2021 6:56 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
Direct link to Excel spreadsheet: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environment-energy-coordination/sites/environment-energy-coordination/files/Assets/Documents/CECAP%20Prioritization%20Matrix%20March%202021.xlsx>

March 24, 2021 6:57 PM from Bob Brown to everyone:
I voted twice for S6 because the model shows a greater early result. The model scaling is very imprecise however. Is that true?

March 24, 2021 6:59 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
I did vote for #1, but only once as COVID has had a big impact on energy efficiencies and conservation with regard to operation of building HVAC systems

March 24, 2021 7:00 PM from Thomas Calhoun to everyone:
I tried to mirror the level of impact in terms of reductions.i.e., the higher the reduction, the more votes I gave

March 24, 2021 7:01 PM from Flint Webb to all panelists:
SPEAK

March 24, 2021 7:01 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Surprised that S3 ranked third; it has the lowest modeled impact on emissions.

March 24, 2021 7:01 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Unless I misread the pie chart.

March 24, 2021 7:03 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
Green buildings can do so much more than just energy efficiency. If we look at this in a one-dimensional way, then we miss out on so many other climate benefits, like stormwater retention via green roofs, for example.

March 24, 2021 7:04 PM from Flint Webb to all panelists:
I've lost the sound

March 24, 2021 7:07 PM from Flint Webb to all panelists:
No I've lost sound. It appears to be a problem on my end.

March 24, 2021 7:08 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
speak

March 24, 2021 7:08 PM from Bob Brown to everyone:
Couldn't vote de-emphasis.....wanted to de-emphasize S3

March 24, 2021 7:08 PM from Flint Webb to all panelists:
I think I'll need to reboot my computer so I'm signing off.

March 24, 2021 7:09 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Once again, surprised how S3 fell out here in this vote. It ranked fairly low for de-emphasis, even though it contributes only 1.5% to modeled reductions.

March 24, 2021 7:09 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
On-site renewable is challenging for those with lots of equipment on our roofs. May also need incentives for more expensive solar canopies. for our parking areas.

March 24, 2021 7:21 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
need to step away and won't be back till 7:30ish

March 24, 2021 7:29 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
Per my comment - I don't know if there is a way to separate out the green buildings on residential from commercial.

March 24, 2021 7:29 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
but would favor that

March 24, 2021 7:29 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
back

March 24, 2021 7:29 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
great!

March 24, 2021 7:30 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
SPEAK

March 24, 2021 7:32 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Good point by John.

March 24, 2021 7:32 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
SPEAK

March 24, 2021 7:34 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
VA has already gotten \$43MM so far through RGGI, half of which went towards low income residents for energy efficiency. Extrapolating out for the year, that's ~\$80MM for low income energy efficiency.

March 24, 2021 7:35 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
(since it's a quarterly payout from RGGI)

March 24, 2021 7:36 PM from Mike Zatz to everyone:
SPEAK

March 24, 2021 7:37 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
<https://www.viriniamercury.com/blog-va/virginia-nets-more-than-43-million-in-first-carbon-allowance-auction/>

March 24, 2021 7:39 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
I fear that voters are choosing S3 "green buildings" because it sounds achievable. However, if the modeled impact of effects in this sector contribute only 1.5% to GHG emission reductions, over-emphasis in this area could incur high costs for builders with negligible reduction in emissions.

March 24, 2021 7:39 PM from Bob Brown to everyone:
Review of the priority table shows that S6 is costly and not likely to be re realized early, so not a good selection for early results as I previously indicated

March 24, 2021 7:40 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
Building efficiency standards like in NY are good because they can ONLY be achieved with landlords and tenants working together - and so often that doesn't happen.

March 24, 2021 7:41 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
The other thing I would like to see is access to data from landlords

March 24, 2021 7:41 PM from Kathy Alsegaf to everyone:
it is hard for tenants to get that data sometimes, and that helps in decision making

March 24, 2021 7:48 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Could you give an example of a sector-based goal? For instance, what would be the sectors in this

scenario, or is that something we will be weighing in on? Could the sectors align with the GHG inventory categories in slide 27?

March 24, 2021 7:50 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 7:50 PM from Alexis Johnston to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 7:50 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 7:50 PM from Samuel Raasch to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 7:50 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 7:50 PM from Bob Brown to everyone:
Need to have some feel for how hard we have to work within each sector

March 24, 2021 7:51 PM from evin holland to everyone:
yes

March 24, 2021 7:51 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
Yes. Sector based goals *seem* to add value in allowing us to look at progress under a broader umbrella.

March 24, 2021 7:51 PM from JOHN LORD to everyone:
I could go either way.

March 24, 2021 7:51 PM from John Gustavo Blair to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 7:51 PM from Whitney Redding to everyone:
yes

March 24, 2021 7:51 PM from Paul Duncan to everyone:
We have seen projections on sector reductions, but we need to have measurable benchmarks.

March 24, 2021 7:51 PM from Alexis Johnston to everyone:
I second Bob, Renee, and Paul's comments.

March 24, 2021 7:53 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
Sector goals provide a road map to getting to the carbon reduction goals

March 24, 2021 7:53 PM from Paul Duncan to everyone:
I assume that failure to meet a sector goal would force a reassessment of the strategy.

March 24, 2021 7:53 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
Are you trying to say that sector based goals negate specific strategies or actions? It seems like you're trying to get us to say "no" to this, and I'm just trying to understand why.

March 24, 2021 7:53 PM from JOHN LORD to everyone:
They can add emphasis, but also add tracking complexity... That is why I could go either way.

March 24, 2021 7:53 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Having sector-based goals make tracking more achievable. Easier to measure and adjust actions as needed.

March 24, 2021 7:54 PM from evin holland to everyone:
measurable goals needed to show progress or lack thereof

March 24, 2021 7:54 PM from Mike Zatz to everyone:
Agree with Erin and Evin - without them you won't know where we're falling short.

March 24, 2021 7:55 PM from Paul Duncan to everyone:
I have a question. May I speak?

March 24, 2021 7:55 PM from Renee Grebe to everyone:
When we talk about simplicity of communicating to the general public, I could see a different breakdown of sectors as being helpful.

March 24, 2021 7:55 PM from Whitney Redding to everyone:
agree with renee

March 24, 2021 7:56 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Good point by Renee. GHG reduction goals can seem like a black box without a way to communicate where and how, along with showing progress.

March 24, 2021 7:59 PM from Bob Brown to everyone:
yes part 2 meeting

March 24, 2021 8:00 PM from evin holland to everyone:
yes

March 24, 2021 8:00 PM from John Gustavo Blair to everyone:
Ye

March 24, 2021 8:00 PM from Alexis Johnston to everyone:
yes

March 24, 2021 8:00 PM from John Gustavo Blair to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 8:00 PM from Paul Duncan to everyone:
yes

March 24, 2021 8:00 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 8:00 PM from Whitney Redding to everyone:
yes

March 24, 2021 8:00 PM from Samuel Raasch to everyone:
Yes

March 24, 2021 8:03 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
What was the CECAP twitter again? @ffxcecap?

March 24, 2021 8:03 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
thank you

March 24, 2021 8:03 PM from Chris Boynton to everyone:
Thanks Michelle and Adam for driving tonite

March 24, 2021 8:03 PM from Alexis Johnston to everyone:
Thank you!

March 24, 2021 8:03 PM from Chip Goyette to everyone:
Thank you!

March 24, 2021 8:03 PM from Whitney Redding to everyone:
would appreciate more discussion of issues among group before voting instead of after

March 24, 2021 8:03 PM from JOHN LORD to everyone:
Thanks everyone

March 24, 2021 8:03 PM from Erin Trager to everyone:
Thank you!

March 24, 2021 8:04 PM from Bob Brown to everyone:
Thanks